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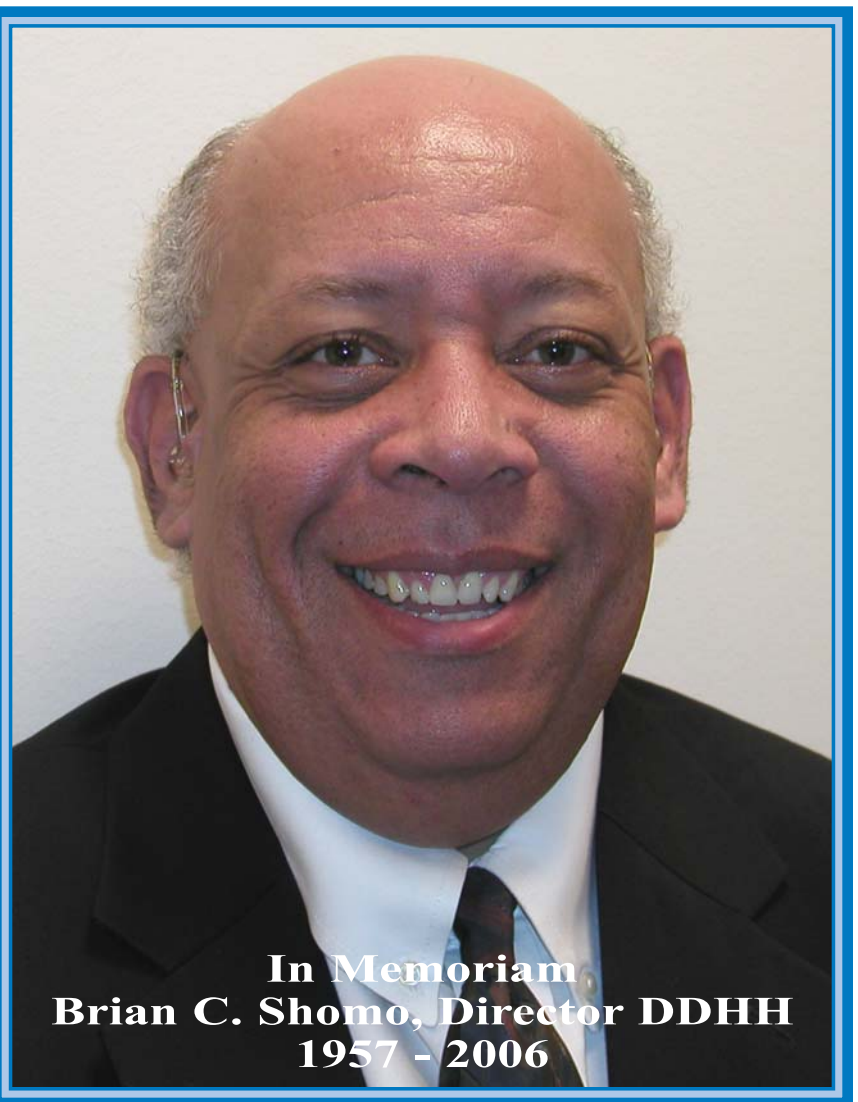
Ira C. Hock, Acting Director

**T**he Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) lost its visionary leader, Brian C. Shomo, the division's Director, on Saturday, June 10, after a brief battle with cancer.

Brian was named Director of DDHH in July 2001 and was instrumental in maintaining the division's long standing role as a focal point for New Jersey's Deaf and hard of hearing community, estimated to be over 720,000 people. Brian's five year tenure at DDHH will leave a lasting impact on the quality of life for people with hearing loss across the state.

Brian produced many accomplishments for the Department of Human Services as the DDHH director. A more recent achievement was joining forces with NJ's Attorney General and the Division of Civil Rights to

formalize legal settlements with the state's major movie chains to install new technology known as Rear Window Captioning for moviegoers with hearing loss, including providing greater accessibility for blind and visually impaired moviegoers. Brian's downright determination helped to make New Jersey the first state in the nation to formally make movie theaters accessible to moviegoers with hearing loss.



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# Letter to the Editor

*Dear Editor,*

I am writing to urge your readers to sign the petition in support of getting Hearing Aid Insurance Legislation (HAIL) passed in NJ. The petition is located online at: <http://new.petitionline.com/hail2006/petition.html>. With over 720,000 deaf and hard of hearing adults and children in NJ we can really make our voices heard! Thank you to all who have already signed the petition and for everyone's continued support in this effort. On May 19 in California, hearing aid legislation passed the Senate House. Let's get NJ legislators moving!

Sincerely,  
Jeanine Gleba

## Trenton Thunder Hosts "Awareness Day 2006"

Trenton Thunder Baseball, New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Signs of Sobriety came together for the second annual Awareness Day. With more than 4,500 in attendance, exhibition tables with information on hearing loss were available to people attending the game. Students from the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf enjoyed the game, along with many members of the deaf and hard of hearing community. The day began with lingering white clouds and the forecast calling for rain all day. Fans were treated to a dry ballgame that saw visiting Bowie take a lead in the 4th Inning with a 3-run homer. The Thunder gave it all they had but came up short 3-2. The much anticipated firework show was stopped short by a thunderous rainstorm. Special thanks to Brian Fox of the Trenton Thunder and Lisa Dehart of Signs of Sobriety for their work on Awareness Day 2006. See you next year!

### Reminder:

The deadline for submissions to the September issue of the Monthly Communicator is August 1, 2006. E-mail to [Ira.Hock@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:Ira.Hock@dhs.state.nj.us).  
cc to: [Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us)

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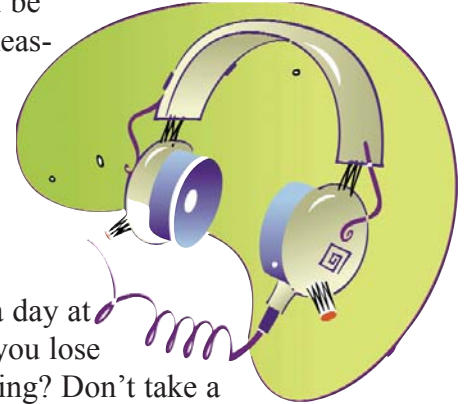
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Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month's edition

# Turn It Down

Experts agree that continued exposure to noise above 85 dBA, over time, will eventually harm hearing. In general, the louder the sound, the less time required before hearing will be affected. According to EARinc.com, the following lists the sound levels, measured in decibels (dBA), of the Apple iPod:

**Full Volume....120-125 dBA**  
**3/4 Volume.....107-111 dBA**  
**1/2 Volume..... 98-101 dBA**

These levels are dangerously loud. According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, listening to your iPod for just 15 minutes a day at ½ volume or 100 decibels, over time, will damage your hearing. And once you lose your hearing from noise, there's no getting it back. How loud are you listening? Don't take a chance.



The League's Noise Center now offers Custom Music Enhancers (CMEs) for music lovers who can't bear to part from their MP3 Player, but are afraid of the hazards of noise. With CMEs, the environmental sound is lessened and you can therefore reduce the volume to a less lethal level. In addition, the listener will enjoy better overall sound.

To learn more about CMEs for your MP3 and how to get your hands on a pair, please call (917) 305-7923 or e-mail: [cme@lhh.org](mailto:cme@lhh.org)

**The Fair Lawn Deaf Program** is now open 12 months of the year. It is funded by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and provides services to Deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened adults and cochlear implant recipients who reside in NJ. The staff are all fluent in American Sign Language and provide a full range of employment services as well as vocational evaluation services. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment please contact at (201) 794-5505 V/TTY or [fldp@powertolearn.com](mailto:fldp@powertolearn.com).

## Jobs Available

### Job Developer

Full-Time (SEED Program)

Qualifications: BA Degree required. Proficiency in American Sign Language and knowledge of communication styles of hard of hearing and non-signing individuals. Must have excellent writing skills as well as proficient computer skills. Will be responsible for initiating contact with employers to establish a network and job bank; making appropriate job matches between clients and employers. Flexible hours and travel within NJ. Please visit [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu) for details and for instructions on how to apply on-line.

**Live-in mother's helper/personal assistant** for Deaf young man is sought in the Woodbridge, New Jersey area. Sign Language preferred. Will consider others. Contact (732) 238-6133 Voice (Support Broker in the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities Self-determination program).



# A New Plastic NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid Card is here!

The NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid program is replacing its monthly paper Medicaid eligibility identification card with the Health Benefits Identification Card, (HBID), a permanent, plastic and magnetic stripe card. Starting now, plastic cards will be mailed to clients in three counties (Camden, Monmouth and Sussex). People who received the card in May were able to begin using it on June 1, 2006. Clients who live in the other counties receive their HBID cards in August 2006, and begin using them on September 1, 2006. After that, all monthly paper ID cards will be discontinued.

## Key Facts about the HBID card:

- ✓ Each eligible family member will receive his or her own card.
- ✓ There will be no change in services.
- ✓ The card is for identification purposes only. Providers will verify eligibility.
- ✓ The HBID card is a technology upgrade, not a policy change.
- ✓ People receiving the HBID card should use it the same way they use their monthly paper Medicaid card.

New Card.



Same Great Care.

**Your Medicaid & NJ FamilyCare Paper Identification Card Will Now Be **PLASTIC**.**

**When you receive your **PLASTIC** identification card:**

- ✓ It will replace your paper identification card.
- ✓ The **PLASTIC** identification card is a **PERMANENT** card.
- ✓ Each family member will receive his or her own identification card.

**REMEMBER:** Until you receive your plastic "Health Benefits Identification Card" please continue to use your paper identification card.

**1-800-356-1561**  
Questions? Contact Our Call Center.

Jon S. Corzine  
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State of New JerseyKevin M. Ryan  
Commissioner  
Department of Human Services



# Hearing Awareness Event in New Egypt is a First

by Carol Granaldi

**H**earing Awareness Week events took place in New Egypt during the week of May 15-20 with two workshops, a hearing screening, and a high school display about noise damage to hearing. On May 17 at Jensen's Deep Run Retirement Village, I presented a "Sensitivity to Hearing Loss" program to nearly 50 residents. In addition, Dr. Isidore Kirsh, of the Garden State Hearing and Balance Center, Toms River, fielded questions and answers about hearing aids.



Aparna Lele, Carol Granaldi, and Jason Weiland demonstrating the CapTel phone.

Committee Proclamation about the event. In addition, Assemblyman Ronald Dancer, who is also mayor of New Egypt, read the Joint Legislative Resolution of the New Jersey Senate and Assembly, and presented it.

At the New Egypt High School, there was a display of flyers calling students' attention to "Turn Down the Volume" in an effort to avoid noise damage to their hearing. The "Hearing Awareness in New Egypt" received support from newspapers such as the Asbury Park Press and the New Egypt Press. It is hoped that more "Hearing Awareness" programs will occur throughout the libraries in New Jersey with the cooperation of the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

On May 20, the New Egypt Welcome Center, Main Street, hosted a hearing screening, given by Dr. Jennifer Elfert, of Alliance Speech & Hearing, Howell. At the Plumsted Library, the Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Garden State, the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the NJ Relay Services cohosted a public education program. Jason Weiland, DDHH Field Representative gave a Power Point program on assistive technology for people with hearing loss and Aparna Lele presented a program on the new CAPTEL telephone service to nearly 30 persons in attendance.

Other features of the "Hearing Awareness in New Egypt" were the reading of the Plumsted Township's

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One of Brian's most recent accomplishments was partnering with the New Jersey Hospital Association for the Hospital Access Initiative and partnering with health care providers to provide accessibility via American Sign Language interpreters for patients who are Deaf, as well



Brian delivering the keynote at the 2004 NJRID Statewide conference.

Under Brian's direction, the division instituted the annual statewide conference for people with hearing loss. This conference provided an information forum for Deaf and hard of hearing people, their families, and the professionals who provide services to them, addressing new technologies, new services and other relevant issues.

Earlier on, Brian identified a void in services and information for parents of infants and toddlers diagnosed with hearing loss. In the fall of 2005 Brian worked, along with the Marie Katzenbach



Brian reading a story to MKSD kids

School for the Deaf, to host the first "Family Learning Conference." This conference offered parents a place to

as assistive listening devices for other patients with hearing loss.

Reaching out to all of the constituents of Deaf and hard of hearing individuals throughout New Jersey was a major priority in Brian's work as Director of DDHH.

network with each other, meet with professionals and learn about the educational needs of children with hearing loss. As a legacy to Director Shomo's efforts, it is anticipated that this crucial community forum will continue as part of DDHH's regular programs.



Brian with DDHH staff service award recipients Pat Long and Ira Hock.

Brian traveled across the state speaking to civic and faith-based groups, provider agencies, and communities to increase awareness of the issues related to hearing loss. In his capacity as director, Brian was also strongly committed to and promoted the professional development and growth of sign language interpreters. He served on the New Jersey Relay Advisory Board and worked with the Board of Public Utilities to facilitate a smooth transition to the current relay provider.



Sam Trychin with Brian at the first DDHH sponsored statewide conference on deafness "New Jersey & Hearing Loss: Are You In The Loop?"

Under Brian's direction, DDHH sponsored the monthly ASL Story Hour at the Library for the Blind and Handicapped. Brian also participated in this program as a story teller himself. The annual holiday tea begun under his tenure was yet another opportunity for consumers and the professional who worked with them to come together in a

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less formal setting to hear speakers who addressed current issues relating to hearing loss. He also continued the Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Days at Six Flags Great Adventure, which celebrated its 22nd year on June 3, 2006.



Brian Signing

building (where DDHH is located.) He also made sure that the telephone system within DDHH was modified with visual alerting systems to make it accessible to both Deaf and hard of hearing employees and the public.

Brian graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and received a Masters Degree from California State University-Northridge. He worked with Deaf and hard of hearing constituents throughout his entire career. Brian came to his position of Director of DDHH from the MidAtlantic Postsecondary Center at Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ, where he was a transition counselor. Prior to joining the faculty at Camden County College, his work included serving as a Deaf Services Specialist for the North Carolina

Brian was instrumental with the installation of accessible alerting devices such as fire and smoke alarms which have visual alerting systems, in the Department of Human Services central office

Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor/Deaf Language Specialist for the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. For a brief time early in his career, Brian worked as a dorm counselor at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf. He also worked as an instructor for students studying American Sign Language.

Born in Red Bank, NJ, Brian lived in Tinton Falls, Stockton and Camden before moving to Ewing, New Jersey.

He is predeceased by his mother, Inice Rose Rock

Shomo; and survived by his father, George Shomo, Sr.; brothers George, Jr., Robert, Kevin and Keith; and sisters Donna Shomo-Ligon and Inice Hennessy.



Brian with former Governor Brendan Byrne



Brian with students from Bruce Street School

The family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Brian C. Shomo Scholarship Fund, which was created by Brian in May of 2002 at Camden County College. Checks should be made payable to Camden County College Foundation - memo line - Brian C. Shomo Scholarship. Donations can be sent to Camden

County College Foundation, P.O. Box 200, Blackwood, NJ 08012.

# “Move That Bus!”

by Barbara Forrest-Ball, SHIP Case Manager

The Deaf Community came together in a big way to help out the Llanes family of Bergenfield, who were chosen to be the recipients of a new house by “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.” Members of the First Baptist Church in Hackensack, where the family attends services, had written a letter to the producers of the show, explaining why the Llanes’ would be exceptional candidates for an extreme home makeover. Mr. Llanes and his mother are blind; his two daughters are also visually impaired, and his son Zeb, a student at the Secondary Hearing Impaired Program at Midland Park High School (SHIP), is Deaf. Jason Weiland from DDHH was present at the event as was Academy Award-winning Deaf actress Marlee Matlin, the host of this particular episode.

Also present were students and staff from the SHIP program at Midland Park High School, and Union Street School for the Deaf in Hackensack (the school Zeb attended through 8th grade). Several of the staff and students from both programs volunteered for the project and there was even a special VIP tent set up for the Deaf volunteers. As it turned out, this particular project boasts the fastest finishing time as well as the most technology-intensive project the show has done.

Once the big day came, everyone was asked to arrive at 11:30 AM. The students were real troopers as there was a four hour wait before the family arrived. During the long wait behind the designated roped off area, Marlee Matlin came over and spent some time with us. She was so patient and gracious and she’s particularly good with children. She had the entire crowd under her spell.

During the wait, we actually had to “practice” being excited in preparation for the limo’s arrival (this happened around 1:30 PM) Marlee Matlin explained to the crowd the special way in which we had to cheer on the family - in complete silence as Mrs. Llanes would be

describing for her husband and mother-in-law how their new house looked. We were filmed numerous times, signing and cheering “Move that bus”, which blocked the view of the final makeover of the house. There were even several takes of the bus, moving.

Once the limo finally arrived around 3:30 PM the first thing we saw after the door opened were Mrs. Llanes’ hands, signing to Zeb and Marlee. Zeb’s mom was describing everything to her husband, holding onto his forearm, and waving his hand in different directions as if setting things up in space for him. Then he got down on the ground, just so that he could feel the stonework in the driveway and walkway. Mr. Llanes’ guide dog would not move forward when the family started toward the steps of their newly renovated home as if to say “Okay, this is my neighborhood, I know I live here, but this is NOT my house! What’s going on?”

In the half hour that passed after the family arrived, they were filmed and refilmed walking from the limo to the front steps over and over until everything was just right - until it looked realistic and “unplanned.”

I feel proud to have been even marginally a part of this experience Speaking for the staff and students, I can say that we are beyond thrilled that the Llanes family has been blessed with this new house.

For more information about this project, visit <http://www.extremepinnacle.com/>. The show is slated to air in July, and it will be a two hour episode.



The Llanes’ family



Move that bus!



# Religious Access

**Calvary Tabernacle Church** - 128 Georgetown-Wrightstown Rd, Wrightstown, NJ invites you to attend services during the summer at noon every Sunday and will be interpreted. If you are an ASL student and would like more experience in interpreting, please join us as well. We are always looking for interpreters to help. For more information contact: Teresa at [tykillingsworth@yahoo.com](mailto:tykillingsworth@yahoo.com) or (609) 723-0200 Voice.

**The Great Auditorium at Ocean Grove**, New Jersey - From July 2 - September 9, Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Auditorium. Sunday childcare is provided in the Youth Temple at 10:15 a.m. for worshippers with children under age 3, where programs are also held for children 3-11. Communion is celebrated Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Bishop Janes Tabernacle. Services are interpreted for the deaf by Kymme Van Cleef and Cynthia L. Williams. Interpreters are available for other services ([www.oceangrove.org](http://www.oceangrove.org)). Contact Kymme at (732) 758-0920 FAX/ TTY, (732) 758-7502 or the OGCMA office at Ocean Gove Camp Meeting Association, 54 Pitman Ave. PO Box 248, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. Main Office (732) 775-0035 Voice, Box Office, (800) 773-0097 Voice, (732) 775-5689 FAX.

**The Hands of Faith Team** of the **First Presbyterian Church** in Sparta NJ welcomes you to join us for our interpreted services at the Contemporary Service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to join us at the church, you can watch us on the live broadcast online or past services which are stored on the church Web site for later viewings. We are picture-in-picture 100 percent of the time, making the entire interpreted service available online. Assistive listening devices, including devices designed for use with cochlear implants are also provided. Our media team is willing to do what they can to make the service technologically available to all. For additional information; [signing@fpcsparta.org](mailto:signing@fpcsparta.org), (973) 729-6197 Voice, [www.fpcsparta.org](http://www.fpcsparta.org).

Interpreting Services and Assistive Listening Device are provided at **St. Peters Apostle Church**, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 on the first and third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Interpreter Available. Ask one of the priests at the front Altar where the ALD is located.



## Sha'ar

Sha'ar is a small group of Jewish families and individuals based in Tenafly, NJ, Bergen County. We would like to include an interpreter for the deaf in our High Holy Day services for Rosh Hashanah, September 23 and 24, and Yom Kippur October 1 and 2, 2006. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in attending these High Holy Day services, please let us know. You can call Rabbi Adina Lewittes at (201) 836-6987 (voice or use relay) or e-mail [rabbi@shaar.info](mailto:rabbi@shaar.info). Learn more about our community at [www.shaar.info](http://www.shaar.info).

# American Sign Language Story Hour

## Library for the Blind and Handicapped Promotes Deaf Literacy

The New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped (NJLBH), a division of the New Jersey State Library, held its monthly Children's



Peter Campione with MKSD student Morgan Bock explains how to ask the dog's owner for permission approach and pet the dog.

awareness of veterinary medical services for animal health and care.

Following the reading, Campione showed a video that demonstrated how to train a dog to become your best friend by teaching the dog basic commands like "come," to lie down and how to retrieve a ball and bring it back. He also demonstrated these commands with some of the therapy dogs who were in attendance. Certified and endorsed by the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors, Campione of Howell, NJ has been training dogs and their owners in pet-care for over 15 years. His Kindred Souls Canine Therapy Corps has long been a cornerstone in the NJLBH's American Sign Language Children's Story Hour. The dogs love to inter-

act with the children who come to the monthly story hours.

American Sign Language (ASL) Story Hour on May 16. Pete Campione, owner of Kindred Souls Canine Center, read the children's book, Superdog: The Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner to celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week (May 1-7) and National Pet Week (May 7-13) intended to promote responsible pet ownership and public

Students in grades two through five from the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD), home-schooled hearing children, and students with multiple disabilities from three classes at the Hunterdon County ESC School in Lambertville, as well as a group of mostly hearing children from a middle school in Sayreville interested in sign language, attended the program.

This story hour was signed by ASL

interpreters provided by the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a division of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation illustrating each page along with



MKSD students listen to this month's story

the storyteller. The Story Hour promotes English literacy skills for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by enabling them to enjoy simultaneously ASL and English versions of books.

Workshops and events such as the story hour are scheduled by Christine Olsen, Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program at the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped. For more information on the DHHAP program and story hours, contact Christine Olsen at 1-877-882-5593 TTY or

[colsen@njstatelib.org](mailto:colsen@njstatelib.org). For information

on the NJLBH and its programs call Anne McArthur at (609) 530-3242 Voice.



Pete Campione, of Kindred Souls Canine Center reads to the students.



Atlantic County Society of the Deaf  
Back again with our

# *8th Annual Picnic*



at

*Lake Lenape Park*  
*Saturday July 22, 2006*  
*11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

Park Road & 13th St.  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

*Rain or Shine*

*Bring your bathing suit (Swimming at Lake)*

*Kiddie rides, coed volleyball, male muscle & female bathing suit contests,  
horse shoe tournament*

*Refreshments for sale (BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas)*

*3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*Bring your own lunch and beer (no glass bottles)*

Chairperson: Russell Jobes & committee, [acsd66@aol.com](mailto:acsd66@aol.com)

**Deadline for tickets July 14, 2006**

**3 years old and up \$15 per person in advance. \$20 at the door**

Mail check or Money Order payable to

Atlantic County Society of the Deaf

c/o PICNIC

P.O. Box 3088

Margate, NJ 08402

**Tickets will not be mailed. They will be held at the gate.**



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## **Basic Sign Language Classes Beginner I**

**For People with little or no knowledge of sign language**

**July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 2006  
7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.**

ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc.  
21 Clyde Rd, Suite 103  
Somerset, NJ 08873

**Cost: \$40**

To register contact Kathy at (800) 275-7551 Voice or [aslirs@aol.com](mailto:aslirs@aol.com).

## **Our Way**

Program for the Jewish Deaf & Jewish Deaf and Hearing Impaired Council  
announce their

## **Annual Summer BBQ**

Kick back and enjoy the summer! Meet old and new friends of the Jewish Deaf Community!  
Tell us what programs you'd like in the upcoming year!

**Sunday, July 16, 2006  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**The backyard of Sally & Joel Cohen, 5 Terry Terrace, Livingston, NJ**

**\$6 per person; \$30 limit per family**

**Please Reserve Place(s) by July 12th**

Sally Cohen (973) 992-3182 TTY; [jcohenret@aol.com](mailto:jcohenret@aol.com)

Judy Citer (973) 473-7277 V; [jdciter@optonline.net](mailto:jdciter@optonline.net)

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## Be in the Swim with ALDA-NJ! Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

At the home of the Bullocks, Califon, NJ

**Rain or Shine**

**RSVP by July 23**

**POTLUCK - GRILL AVAILABLE**

Bring food according to the first letter of your last name:

**A - H Dessert**

**I - O Side Dish/Salad**

**P - Z Main Dish**

Bring your bathing suit and lawn/beach chair!

**Service dogs only, please.**

Well-behaved, supervised children welcome!

For directions or information, contact: [Kingsnan@aol.com](mailto:Kingsnan@aol.com),

(201) 768-2552 TTY



## New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates **WHITE WATER RAFTING**

Jim Thorpe, PA.



It is just one mile from the summer rafting launch area and includes trained expert guides, paddle and life preservers, waterproof lunch containers, heated indoor changing rooms with free hot showers and bathroom facilities, shaded picnic grounds, free cookout after the trip on weekends, and bailing buckets. If you are interested, contact [NJBDA23@yahoo.com](mailto:NJBDA23@yahoo.com), AIM: NJ23BDA, (for hearing only) (201) 993-9416 (ask for Heather) ASAP so we know how many will attend and will notify you with the exact information.

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Delaware Valley TeleCommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (DVTCD)

## Annual Picnic Sunday, August 6, 2006

**Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park**

**11 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**Admission - \$25 per person,**

**Children under 3 - FREE Children 4 - 7 - \$12.50**

Includes: hamburgers, hotdogs, open pit chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, broccoli and tomato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, popcorn, watermelon, sodas, etc. Park has three swimming pools including a kiddie pool, canoes, and paddle boats

Send money order with a list of people attending to:

Bud Schrader, 911 Spencer Dr., Croydon, Pa. 19021

**Deadline July 24**

Info: [budschrader@comcast.net](mailto:budschrader@comcast.net)



Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey

Sponsored by DAWN Center for Independent Living, Inc.

## Social/Lunch Gathering

will be held at Food Court on the Upper Level (next to Sears) in  
Rockaway Mall, Mount Hope Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Non-seniors and interpreter students are welcome!

**Lunch on your own expenses!**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2006**

**11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Info: Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist, [Ltaylor@dawncil.org](mailto:Ltaylor@dawncil.org)

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## GREATER NEWARK BLACK DISABLED ARTS FESTIVAL

Featuring over 20 Artists

A national juried exhibition and sale of original art, fine crafts, music, dance and poetry.

With: Rob "Da' Noize" Temple, Diane Robinson, Casper Banjo, Charles C. Blackwell

**Saturday, August 12, 2006**

Newark Public Library

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**ADMISSION IS FREE      RSVP (required)**

For more information contact: New Jersey Chapter National Minorities with Disabilities Coalition

James Jasey (973) 763-6308 Voice or [jjasey@nmdc.us](mailto:jjasey@nmdc.us), [www.nmdc.us](http://www.nmdc.us)

**Reminder to keep your date open for**

## SOUTH STREET SEAPORT DEAF FESTIVAL

**Sunday, August 13, 2006**

**10 a.m. till 6 p.m.**

South Street Seaport, Fulton and South Streets, New York City

For more information: [allepre@aol.com](mailto:allepre@aol.com) OR [www.americandeafexposition.com](http://www.americandeafexposition.com)

For directions [www.southstreetseaport.com](http://www.southstreetseaport.com)

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## DEAF BIKER SOCIAL

at

## Mike's Famous

in New Castle, Delaware

**August 26, 2006 (rain date Aug 27)**

NJ, NY and PA Deaf bikers meet at MKSD

(Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton, NJ)

**Meet at MKSD by 10:30 a.m. and start ride at 11:00 a.m.**

**Arrive Mike's Famous Harley Davidson shop in Delaware by 1:00 p.m.**

Other states (e.g. MD, VA) welcome to organize and join us.

(Please fill up your motorcycle before arriving at MKSD) It's 75 miles one way!

There is no fee for riding but lunch at Mike's is on your own.

For more information, contact Heidi at [blackrose@tmail.com](mailto:blackrose@tmail.com)

Deaf or Hearing or Non-Signers are **WELCOME** to join us!

People in cars are also welcome.

<http://www.mikesfamous.com>



North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf proudly presents

## Summer Picnic

**Saturday, August 26 from noon to 6 p.m.**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 810 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ

**Rain or Shine**

**Great food, drinks, games**

**Meet people and make new friends.**

**Guest speaker TBA.**

**Admission in Advance - Members \$16, Non-Members \$18,**

**Children under age 12 - FREE, At Picnic \$20**

**Chairperson - Rose Pizzo and the Committees**

**bring your own lawn chairs**

**To order tickets in advance before August 20, send check or money order payable to NJCCD with the list of names and number of tickets (members & non-members) and mail to:**

NJCCD, Inc. c/o Frances Hearne, 25 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

For information or directions, please visit [www.njccd.org](http://www.njccd.org).

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## ***Fun Picnic Day For Family & Everyone!***

**Sunday, August 27, 2006**

**Noon to dusk**

Playground, Horseshoe, Bocce, Basketball Court, Soccer Field  
Look for Horseshoe Tourney Info on NWJAD Web site & Computer News!

**Bring Your Own Food & Beverages  
(No Alcohol Permitted in the Park)**

**BBQ Grills Are Provided**

Montville Township Community Park, 130 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ

Thanks to Tom & Diane Montemorano for making our event possible.

For directions & information: [www.nwjad.org](http://www.nwjad.org) or [nwjad@nwjad.org](mailto:nwjad@nwjad.org)

NWJAD wishes everyone a Wonderful & Safe Summer!

**Union County College  
Educational Interpreter Professional Development Center  
(EIPDC)**

## **New Course Offerings Fall 2006**

**Registration is now open!**

You can register via fax. Follow these instructions:

Go to: [www.ucc.edu/DistanceEducation/registration.htm](http://www.ucc.edu/DistanceEducation/registration.htm)

By fax: click on registration form

Print it out, fill it out completely (with credit card information) and fax it to:  
(908) 709-7131 or register through the registrar's office at the Plainfield campus

Registration: (908) 412-3550 Voice; EIPDC: (908) 791-4935 Voice



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## Gingo Night hosted by Deaf Ministry

**Saturday, September 9, 2006**

**6 p.m. - 12 a.m.      Game starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**\$7 per person if paid in advance, \$10 per person if paid at door, \$5 per person if playing poker, too  
50/50 Chances! No outside food & beverages allowed.**

**St. John of God School Gym, 1145 Delsea Drive (Route 47), Westville, NJ 08093**

**Door will open at 6 p.m.**

**If paying at door, cash only.**

**Food will be on sale.**

**Info: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 FAX, [deafministrynj@yahoo.com](mailto:deafministrynj@yahoo.com)**

**Make check or money order payable to Deaf Ministry and mail with your name, address and e-mail to:**

**525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034**

**Adults only (21 years old and up)**

**Mail no later than September 2, 2006.**

**No Children! No refunds!**

## The International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies

*is pleased to announce  
its*

## 58th Annual Conference

*at*

**Trump Plaza in Atlantic City**

*from*

**September 12 - 15, 2006**

For more information <http://www.sso.org/iaohra/default.htm>

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## Disability Rights Day

**Thursday, September 14, 2006**

Sponsored by the Kessler Foundation, Disability Rights Day events will be open to the public free of charge. It will focus on disability rights issues, with the goal of finding solutions to ensuring that every person with a disability will be provided equal opportunity to employment, housing and public accommodations. For more information on the conference, Disability Rights Day and the Association, visit [www.sso.org/jaohra](http://www.sso.org/jaohra). Pre-registration is required for the Disability Rights Day events sponsored by the Kessler Foundation.

All other conference events require payment of the registration fee.

ASL interpreters and Assistive Listening Devices will be provided.

CART by request only three weeks in advance.

## Northern New Jersey Alcoholics Anonymous Area 44 Convention

### “Carrying The Message For 50 Years”

**September 29, 30 and October 1, 2006**

at the

Double Tree Hotel, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ. Interpreters provided.

For more information call (908) 757-7749 Voice or [convention@nnjaa.org](mailto:convention@nnjaa.org)

# Calendar of Events 2006

**September 29, 30, October 1**

**The Northern NJ  
General Service Convention  
The 2006 Area 44, AA Convention**

The Doubletree Hotel  
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873  
*convention@nnjaa.org* or, (908) 757-7749 Voice

**December 31**

**Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.  
20th Anniversary**

**and**

**New Year's Eve Party  
with**

John Maucere & DJ SupaLee!  
Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, Parsippany, NJ  
[www.nwjad.org](http://www.nwjad.org); [cochairs@nwjad.org](mailto:cochairs@nwjad.org)

**DDHH Office Closed July 4, September 4  
Regular Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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